

REMARKS

Claims 1-73 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-40 have been withdrawn without prejudice due to a restriction requirement.

Claims 41-73 have been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting.

A Terminal Disclaimer has been filed for Claims 41-73.

Claims 41-73 remain in the case.

Please reconsider Claims 41-73.

Amendment to the Specification

Page 1, Lines 9-21, of the Specification have been amended to show that United States Patent Application No. 09/909,404 issued as United States Patent No. 6,703,939 on March 9, 2004.

Response to Restriction Requirement

On Page 2 of the June 30, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner made final the restriction requirement that was previously entered. In response, the Applicants have withdrawn without prejudice Claims 1-40. The elected claims in the case are Claims 41-73.

Drawing Amendment

Figure 15 of the drawings has been amended to correct a typographical error in a reference numeral. The connector label at the bottom of Figure 15 that erroneously reads "To 1340" should be amended to correctly read "To 1330". A copy of the Figure 15 showing the correction in red is submitted with this Amendment.

Double Patenting Rejection

On Pages 2-3 of the June 30, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 41-73 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-38 of United States Patent No. 6,703,939. In response, the Applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer for Claims 41-73 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent that issues on the patent application that extends beyond the term of United States Patent No. 6,703,939.

The Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 41-73 are now in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request that Claims 41-73 be passed to issue.

The Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. The Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of their above stated position as well as the right to introduce relevant secondary considerations including long-felt but unresolved needs in the industry, failed attempts by others to invent the invention, and the like, should that become necessary.

SUMMARY

For the reasons given above, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending claims and that this Application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *dvenglarik@davismunck.com*.

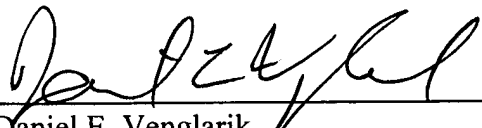
A check in the amount of \$ 130.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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